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TO AMEMBASSY ROME

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: TOCY, IT

SUBJECT:R/V EASTWARD CLEARANCE REQUEST, 21 AUG - 25 SEPT  
1978

1. R/V EASTWARD, A PRIVATE VESSEL OPERATED BY DUKE UNIVERSITY MARINE LABORATORY AND FUNDED BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, IS PLANNING TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF OFF ITALY. THE PURPOSE OF THE RESEARCH IS TO CONDUCT GEOPHYSICAL AND GEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN RIDGE IN AREAS THAT EXPRESS A UNIQUE HUMMOCKY-TYPE SEAFLOOR RELIEF KNOWN AS "COBBLESTONE TOPOGRAPHY". PISTON CORING WILL BE CONDUCTED TO DELINEATE SAMPLE LOCATIONS ON CRESTS, FLANKS, AND VALLEY FLOORS. PHOTOGRAPHIC TRANSECTS AT HEIGHTS 3 TO 15 METERS ABOVE THE SEABED WILL PROVIDE MOZAIC PLAN-VIEWS OF THE SEAFLOOR. NORMAL INCIDENCE HIGH-RESOLUTION AIR-GUN AND 3.5 KHZ PROFILING WILL PROVIDE DATA ON THE SUB-STRUCTURE OF THE OCEAN FLOOR.

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2. THE CHIEF SCIENTIST IS DR. WILLIAM B. F. RYAN OF LAMONT-DOHERTY GEOLOGICAL OBSERVATORY WHO WILL BE COLLABORATING WITH MARIA B. CITA OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MILANO. BERTHS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SEVEN ITALIAN PARTICIPANTS AND ALL DATA RESULTS WILL BE FREELY SHARED.

3. A STATION LOCATION CHART IS BEING POUCHED. RESEARCH

WILL TAKE PLACE, GENERALLY, OFF THE EAST COAST OF SICILY.

4. PORT CALLS ARE PLANNED IN PIRAEVS, GREECE, 10-13 AND 26-29 SEPT, WHICH WILL BE ARRANGED BY THE SHIP'S AGENT.

5. EASTWARD'S CAPTAIN IS R. P. SANDOY WITH A CREW OF 15 AND SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 15. EASTWARD IS 117.5 FT. LONG, 284 GROSS TONS, AND HAS A 12.5 FT. DRAFT. RADIO CALL SIGN IS WY 9219 AND SHIP MONITORS 2182 KHZ.

6. ACTION: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SEEK CLEARANCE FOR R/V EASTWARD TO CONDUCT CONTINENTAL SHELF RESEARCH OFF THE COAST OF ITALY DURING THE PERIOD 21 AUG - 25 SEPT 1978. CHRISTOPHER

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